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## Macassar Coup Leader Surrenders Without Shot

### CITY SURROUNDED

Djakarta, Apr. 11.—The rebel leader, Captain Andi Abdul Aziz, surrendered today without a shot when National Federal troops surrounded Macassar, the capital of East Indonesia, an official spokesman announced here.

Azis, a thickset, former British Army paratrooper, took control of the city six days ago when Federal troops were about to land from two transporters.

The announcement said a battalion of 1,000 Federal troops landed today and marched on Macassar, surrounding the city by dusk. When Azis realised this, he confined his troops to their barracks and surrendered. Later, Defence officials here disclosed that Lieutenant-Colonel Mokoginta, who was captured by Azis in last week's

coup, had resumed his post of Territorial Commander in East Indonesia. Azis, they said, would be brought to Djakarta on Thursday as a prisoner for court-martial. Earlier today it was reported in Macassar that Captain Aziz had sought the support of the United Nations Commission in Indonesia. He declared in a letter to the Commission's representative there that he had found documents at the Federal Army which "definitely prove that the true intention of the Nationalist Army Command was to liquidate systematically the East Indonesian State."

### REPRISAL THREAT

Berlin, Apr. 11.—The West German news agency, DPA, today quoted an unnamed Soviet official as saying that a security pact between the East German Republic and the East European bloc would probably be concluded if Western Germany would join the European Council and the Atlantic Pact.

Details of the pact were discussed in Budapest last week when the East German Prime Minister, Dr. Otto Grotewohl, and the Foreign Minister, Herbert Weizsäcker, attended the Hungarian Liberation celebrations, the DPA agency added.

"If the Western Allies would force Western Germany to join the European Council and the Atlantic Pact, all peace-loving people would consider such a step as a mobilisation of the forces of 'revenge,' the agency quoted the Soviet official as saying.

The report could not be confirmed from any other source.—Reuter.

### AGREES TO REPORT

This afternoon the Sultan of Jogyakarta, the Defence Minister of the United States of Indonesia, said in a broadcast that Captain Aziz had freed the Federal troops imprisoned when he seized control of Macassar and had agreed to come to Djakarta to report. The coup by the 26-year-old captain, who was trained with the British 1st Airborne Division—the "Red Devils"—followed weeks of tension over plans to incorporate East Indonesia into Jogyakarta State.

### BANDOENG CLASH

Djakarta, Apr. 11.—A Dutch and an Indonesian soldier were killed and another Indonesian was wounded in a clash at Bandoeng last night, according to an authoritative report received here today.—Reuter.

## 51-Day Trek On Foot



Mr George N. Patterson, who is 29 and a missionary has just arrived in India after a 51-day trek across unmapped Eastern Tibet. During his trip over land which no European has ever crossed, Patterson said, he passed over at least one 19,000 feet mountain not shown on any map. (London Express Service).

## What Is The Fly In The Ointment? SOVIET INTERVENTION IN THE TRIESTE DISPUTE

Rome, Apr. 11.—Italy's Foreign Minister, Count Carlo Sforza, today had a long talk—the first for several months—with the Soviet Ambassador to Italy, M. Mikhail Kostylev.

Observers believed that their subject was Italy's offer to negotiate directly with Marshal Tito over Trieste. Officials refused to comment.

Count Sforza has described the Trieste offer he made at Milan on Saturday as leaving the door open for a wider settlement between the two countries, but said that negotiations must start with Yugoslav consent to return to Italy the whole Trieste territory.

In Belgrade, the Yugoslav Communist newspaper Borba said today that the proposal "actually boils down to undermining agreement". It was at odds with a policy of a friendly solution to the issues outstanding between Italy and Yugoslavia, the newspaper said.

In Trieste yesterday Mr Dusan Dimic, Minister for Communist Affairs in the Croat Government, told 10,000 Croats and Italians that neither the British, Americans nor even the Italians were honouring the Italian peace treaty.

"The other side violated the peace treaty. We can also not adhere to something that does not exist and that harms the interests of our people," he said in an address at Buje in the Yugoslav zone of Trieste.

Mr Dimic added that the big Powers, in settling the Italian peace treaty, were guided not by the interests of Yugoslavia but by their own.—Reuter.

### CRISIS THREATS

Belgrade, Apr. 11.—The Italian-Yugoslav dispute over Trieste threatens to become a crisis which could change the political situation in Yugoslavia, Western diplomats said today.

Behind the exchange of charges between Rome and Belgrade are a series of diplomatic moves by the Italian government to get Western support for the return of Trieste to Italy.

Trieste was set up in the Italian peace treaty as a free territory. But the Big Four powers never were able to agree upon a candidate for

Today's Weather: Moderate SE winds. Cloudy with occasional light rain or drizzle this evening.  
Neon Observations: Barometric pressure, 1016.4 mbs., 30.01 in. Temperature, 66.3 deg. F. Dew point, 58 deg. F. Relative humidity 70%. Wind direction, E by S. Wind force, 18 knots.  
High water: 6 ft. 3 in at 7.05 p.m. Low water: 1 ft. 5 in at 2.16 a.m.—(Thursday).

## GRAVE INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT

### Clash In Air Alleged By Soviet: America Perplexed

### B-29 PRESENCE DENIED

London, Apr. 11.—The alleged shooting incident between American and Soviet planes over Russian territory created today the most serious international incident since the war.

### Was This The One?

Copenhagen, April 11.—The missing U.S. naval Privateer patrol bomber has not been located despite an armada search, and hope is dimming.

Discrepancy between it and that alleged to have been concerned in a shooting incident was the type, but a Russian fighter pilot could have been confused.—United Press.

Not since Yugoslav planes shot down two American planes in 1946—an incident that ended with an American ultimatum to Marshal Tito—has an incident with such potentially dangerous possibilities occurred. The publication of the Soviet note accusing the United States of gross violation of Soviet territory and of international law electrified Western Europe into sudden realisation of the daily dangers in which it lives while the cold war goes on.

A generation ago an incident of much lesser gravity would have been a signal for mobilisation and war. But there is no thought of that this time although it was admitted that many harsh words and threats probably would be exchanged before the incident is settled. Opinion and judgment were reserved on the Soviet allegation until the American version of the meeting of American and Soviet planes is heard. But there is no question in any veteran diplomat's mind that the incident was a grave one and one that the Russians would take full advantage of in pursuance of their propaganda campaign that Americans are "warmongers" and "instigators" of a new war against Russia.

### SOONER OR LATER

Sooner or later, something of this sort was bound to happen. Despite the greatest caution it is almost inevitable that sometimes the cold war was bound to have its hot shooting incident.

"We are living in a dangerous world," one diplomat said, "and must be prepared for dangerous incidents like this. But that doesn't mean that nations involved or the rest of the world have to think in terms of war. Fortunately, there is plenty of machinery for any aggrieved nation to get full satisfaction without resort to war."

Throughout the long months of the Soviet blockade of Berlin, the Western Powers lived in great fear that a clash between the Western and Soviet planes would occur. Then tensions were so short and tension so high that it would have been

difficult to have contained public opinion.

But the blockade ended without shooting incidents despite the almost continuous air traffic which often was surrounded by Soviet planes on manoeuvre. The Yugoslav incident in 1948 occurred during the Paris peace conference and all but interrupted the conference. The incident occurred along the border in Northern Yugoslavia when two American planes flying a regular run from Vienna to Udine were forced out of the official corridor.

One plane was forced down with seven U.S. airmen, two Hungarian civilians and one Turkish officer aboard. The other was shot down by Yugoslav fighter planes and all crew of five were killed.

When the Yugoslav government refused to release the survivors on the first plane or allow American officials to investigate the circumstances of the disappearance of the second plane, Yugoslavia was served with an ultimatum.

Yugoslavia was warned that if persons alive were not released and American officials allowed to investigate within 48 hours she would be halted before the United Nations Security Council.

Yugoslavia complied with the demands and ultimately agreed to compensation. Marshal Tito personally assured the American Ambassador that no foreign plane ever would be shot down again and deplored the loss of American lives.—United Press.

### AIR FORCE DENIAL

Washington, Apr. 11.—The Air Force today denied that any of its planes had been involved in "any firing incident" in the Baltic area.

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### The Backyard Gold Rush

Melbourne, Apr. 11.—The "backyard gold rush" today threw up another large gold nugget believed to be worth over £2,800 at Wedderburn, 200 miles north of here.

This is the biggest yet found, and weighs 168 ounces. It was found only six inches from where a 100-ounce gold nugget, shaped like a dog and worth at least £1,200 was earlier dug up.

The owner of the mine claims it has yielded more than £15,000 worth in gold since it was discovered. The quiet little spot became a "boom town" last month when it became known that a farmer named Butterick had been secretly digging up holes in his backyard for 18 months.—Reuter.

## Big Scale Diamond Smuggling

London, Apr. 11.—International diamond manufacturers today offered a £10,000 reward for information about three highly organised smuggling gangs flooding America with illicit diamonds from London's diamond centres.

Merchants reading the reward notice, posted up in their clubs, said that the smuggling traffic was doing great harm to Britain's diamond exports.

Mr R. Pink, collector and secretary of the International Diamond Manufacturers' Association, who are offering the reward, said: "The British diamond industry is one of our biggest dollar earners and our efforts are being very largely hampered by this illegitimate trade."

"So far as we know, there is not a great deal of diamond smuggling in Britain. The main trend is from Belgium and Holland to Italy and from there to America."—Reuter.

### Pakistan Air Crash

Karachi, Apr. 11.—The Pakistan Defence Ministry tonight confirmed the reported crash of a Pakistan Air Force transport aircraft in the Northwest Frontier mountains on April 6 with a loss of 16 lives.

The communiqué stated that rescue operations were made difficult by the mountainous terrain.

The aircraft was carrying 13 Pakistan Army other ranks and three Air Force crew. Authorities earlier stated the aircraft was in flight between Gilgit and Peshawar.—Reuter.

### EDITORIAL

## Thoroughly Disillusioned

AFTER the General Gordon comes the Anking. The farce of attempting to arrange with the Communist authorities for the departure from Shanghai of some 1,600 foreign nationals, including diplomatic and consular officials, continues. It would be easier to understand if the protracted negotiations had produced very good reasons to explain the Communist attitude. But nothing definitive has emerged. All factors that have been suggested as guiding the policy of the People's Government have been entirely of a speculative nature. In the beginning, the authorities in Peking and Shanghai publicly professed that if they had anxieties about the evacuation they were concerned with how soon it could be arranged. Indeed, they made much of the congregation in Shanghai of American consular officers from all parts of China, on whose withdrawal they had previously insisted, and remarked on the "astonishing delay" in completing the process. When, however, the General Gordon was requisitioned for that particular purpose, and stayed several days in Hongkong awaiting the order to proceed to the mouth of the Yangtze, the Communists broke their pledges, and the General Gordon's mission went unfulfilled. Subsequent negotiations resulted in stand-by orders to the es Anking, and the result has been precisely the same, purely negative. There has been talk of secret defence measures, of steps to mount the projected invasion of Formosa which the Communists fear would be disclosed, but repudiating that theory is the further refusal by the authorities in Shanghai to allow foreigners to leave by rail for another port, such as Tientsin, which is not involved in military strategy and virtually

clear of blockade complications. The ironic aspect of the whole affair is that the majority of the people ready to leave Shanghai if facilities were made available are those who stayed believing that Chinese business instincts would be too powerful an influence to permit the complete stagnation of trade in vital ports. How serious the consequences of belated expectations are the representations made by the China Association to the Foreign Office last week disclosed with appalling figures on the drain on financial reserves. Within a matter of months, £160,000,000 has been absorbed by British commercial undertakings with large interests in China. Unless there comes soon a genuine reversal of Communist policy and an appreciation of the potential benefit to be derived from trade with parts of the world other than that enclosed by the Soviet Union, no alternative to wholesale liquidation offers. Curiously enough, the Peking regime has made no open threat, of nationalisation of industrial enterprises operated by British firms, but observers are beginning to wonder whether the Communist purpose has been misunderstood, because the method failed to conform to indoctrinist standards. Significance can possibly be detected in the studied aloofness of Chou En-lai regarding the British Charge d'Affaires, Mr J. C. Hutchinson. In three months, Mr Hutchinson has had two interviews with one of Chou's underlings—and wasted his time. In these circumstances, it is hardly surprising that 1,600 foreigners are anxious to cut their losses in Shanghai. They are not perhaps the big-wigs, but they are thoroughly disillusioned. Breakdown of the negotiations a second time will hit them hard.

## Atlantic Disaster Rescue Drama

New York, Apr. 11.—An Italian freighter informed the Coast Guard late today that it had picked up the entire crew of the Norwegian freighter Geisha, which was rocked by an explosion about 680 miles southeast of Newfoundland. The Coast Guard said the Italian vessel was about five hours from the Geisha at 1900 GMT.

Coast Guard headquarters received a message from the cutter Ingham, which picked it up while steaming to the scene. The message from the Paulina, an Italian freighter:

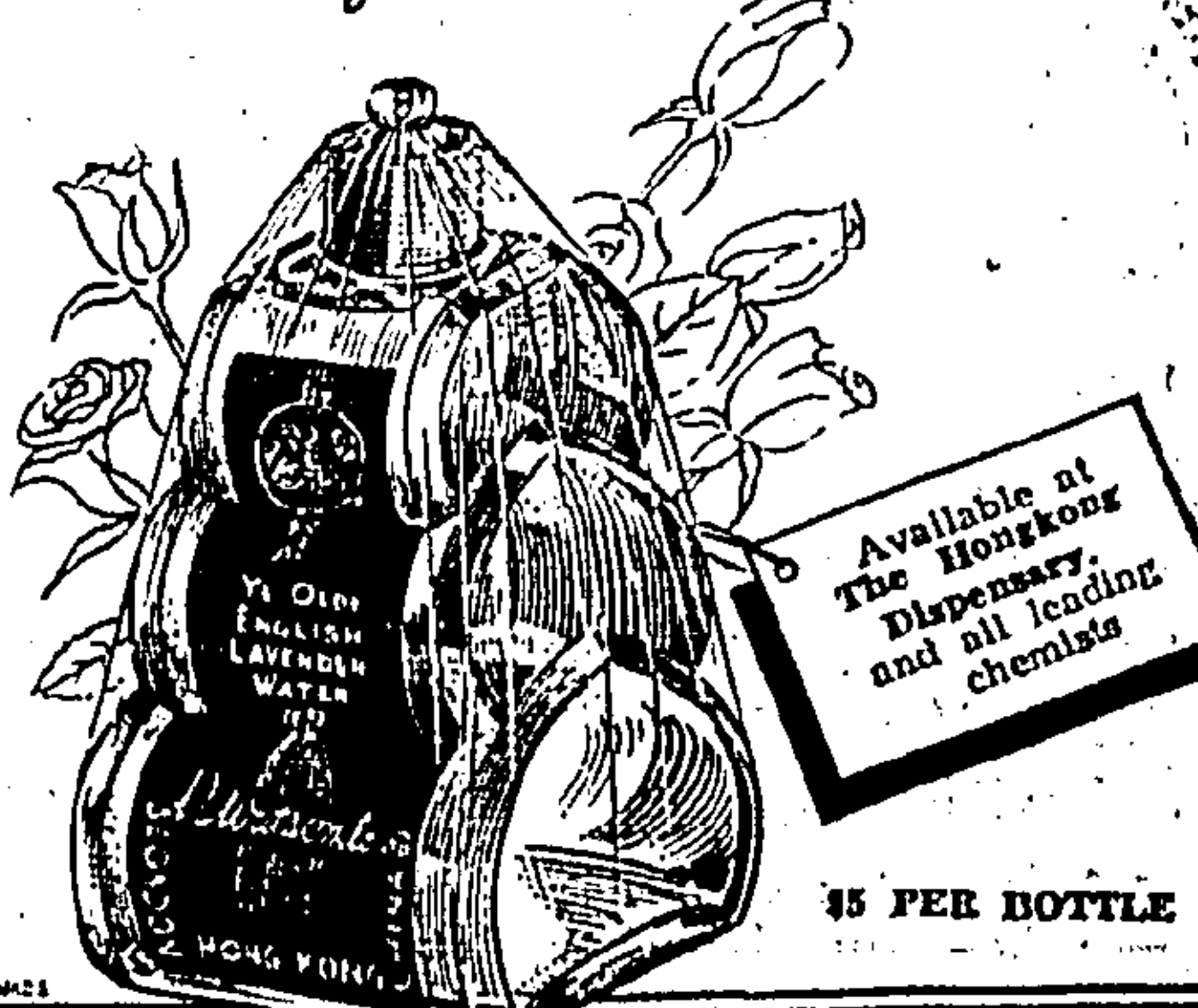
"All men of the Geisha on board. All well. Medical assistance not required."

The Coast Guard had no other information on the rescue and said it would be about 10 hours before the Ingham or the second cutter, Bartaria, could reach the scene.

An explosion aboard the Geisha forced the thirty crew to take to the lifeboats. Earlier, Mackay Radio had reported that the Norwegian freighter, which was carrying a cargo of Cyprus and an unidentified Italian vessel were steaming to the aid of the Geisha.

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## WOMANSENSE

Linda And  
"The Heel Of  
The Century"

By PATRICIA CLARY

HOLLYWOOD. MISS Darnell has been romanced by a progression of Hollywood's handsomest men. She was considered one of the most beautiful "dolls" in Hollywood. Now, after sultry performances in pictures like "Fallen Angel," "Citizen Kane," "Walls of Jericho" and "Letter to Three Wives," people are even beginning to think she can act.

"When I stopped aiming for the hero's heart and went for his pocketbook," she said, "my fan mail got better, so did my reviews and so did my salary."

She took such a successful dig into Paul Douglas' wallet in "Letter to Three Wives" that she was being mentioned for an Academy Award.

Widmark came to Hollywood from a long career as a proper juvenile lead on the Broadway stage. Nothing ever had happened to him like this first part as Tommy Udo, the laughing killer in "Kiss of Death."

## Heel of the Century

He has played few heroes since then, but admits, with regret, that fans seem to like him best as a heel. Since he not only plays and punches Miss Darnell in 20th Century-Fox's "No Way Out," but also commits murder and starts a race riot, Widmark hopes to keep everybody happy. (Miss Darnell is no angel herself in this one.)

"They called me the heel of the year after my first picture," Widmark said. "After this, they'll call me the heel of the century."

## Bad Part Clicks

Stephen McNally played the good doctor in the Broadway version of "Johnny Belinda." Nobody gave him a tumble in Hollywood until he played the bad fisherman, a secondary part, in the film version of same.

McNally in private life is an ex-lawyer who is happily married and the father of five children. He's happy his parts keep alternating between heroes and heels. He plays the good doctor in "No Way Out."

"But Dick Widmark has the shower part," McNally added. "Unfortunately, the bad men's parts are usually more colorful than the good men's. The heels leave more impact on the public."

## Household Hints

If a plastic shower curtain becomes stiff, wash it in a mild, thick suds and rinse well. For the final rinse, add about three teaspoons of glycerine to enough tepid water to immerse the curtain completely. Dip up and down several times, then squeeze out excess water, hang up to dry, smoothing out the wrinkles and straightening the edges.

This is an old but still useful suggestion: a small dab of butter under the spout of a cream pitcher will prevent cream from dripping onto the tablecloth.

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2. Pale blue linen shirt with Parisian sleeves, £2. Plain tailored navy wool skirt, £2. Navy "onion boy" beret, 3s. 6d.

3. Donkey brown "separate" in soft wool. The full skirt has stiffened pockets to match a plain blouse, £5.

## MOTHERS NO LONGER HAVE TO FEAR MENINGITIS

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

UNTIL the discovery of such germ-killing drugs as the sulfa drugs and penicillin, the very word meningitis was something to shudder at. Attacking children far more frequently than adults, this dread disease moved with tragic swiftness toward an outcome which was quite frequently fatal.

Today, however, with the sulfa drugs, penicillin, and other advances in treatment, the doctor can meet it on more even ground and with a better-than-even chance of routing it.

## Serious Condition

Nonetheless, meningitis is still a most serious condition. Literally, it means inflammation of the covering membrane of the brain and spinal cord, but the brain itself and other organs of the body are also affected.

One of a number of different types of germs may be responsible. At the present time, the most frequent type of meningitis is provided treatment is started early. For these cases, streptomycin and the sulfa drugs are especially valuable. Alexander's serum, which is manufactured by injecting influenza germs into the rabbit, and then bleeding the rabbit and using his serum, is also a valuable agent of treatment for this condition.

## Starts Slowly

Meningitis may also be produced by the tuberculosis germ. Tuberculosis germs are traditionally slow but inexorable workers and consequently meningitis usually starts slowly, with only slight fever at first. Gradually, other symptoms develop, such as various types of paralysis, particularly that affecting the eye muscles.

Recently, reports of cures of tuberculosis with streptomycin have appeared. Prior to the use of streptomycin, tuberculous meningitis was considered an incurable disease.

## Effective Drugs

In the treatment of meningococcal meningitis, the sulfonamide drugs and penicillin are effective. In meningococcal meningitis, penicillin is more effective than the sulfonamide drugs. In severe cases, it is probably advisable that both of these preparations be employed. The sulfonamides must be given in large doses. They can either be given by mouth or by injection under the skin. Penicillin is administered by injection into a muscle.

Another serious type of meningitis is that caused by the

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At the anniversary reception given by the Venezuelan Charge d'Affaires at the Dorchester Hotel, London, recently, Miss El Vira Marella, 18-year-old daughter of the Argentine Military Attache wore a gold brocade bonnet, trailing scarf, low neckline, brown velvet gown, and carried a handbag made of rosewood which contained her make-up and a picture.

## EGYPTIAN WOMEN ARE ADVANCED

Washington. American newspaper correspondent, Judy Barden, traveling in the Middle East, says, in a dispatch from Ankara, that "few women in the world have advanced as far and as fast in the past fifty years as have the women of Egypt."

She reports that women in Egypt and in Turkey are taking an increasingly active role in public life and further adds that Egyptian women are modern and enlightened, and are no longer placed in a subservient position.

## THE FEEL OF SPRING



By ALICE ALDEN

THERE'S enchantment and the feel of spring in some of the evening frocks. Philip Hultner who has a deft hand with this sort of thing, ushers in the springtime with this evening gown of iridescent silk taffeta. A corsage of roses and lilacs clings to the cummerbund waistband of the deep neckline, petal edged bodice. The spiraling skirt gracefully sweeps around in colorings that change from lilac, to mauve, to soft pink.

## Don't Abuse Your Eyes



When you cream your face, massage the eye area gently to guard against wrinkles. And if skin tends to be sensitive, choose a cream designed for tender complexions

By HELEN FOLLETT

CALL them turkey tracks. When doing your nightly cream's feet or laughing wrinkles, good-looks chores, wash your face, rinse the soap away, dry gently. Then on with the cream to provide nourishment, which it really does as you will know in the morning when the lubricant has disappeared.

Spread the emollient over the neck, along the jaw lines, over the cheeks and the forehead. Place your first finger on the eyelid close to the nose, sweep outward, do several circles at the temples, come back under the eye to starting point. Ten or fifteen movements on each eye. The purpose of that is to keep the flesh in such a normal, firm condition that squint lines won't have a look in.

Do five finger exercises over the neck, jaw line, cheeks and forehead, using the finger tips like little hammers. While the cream remains on give yourself an ice friction. In the morning you will look as fresh as a spring flower.

Let's Eat  
BY  
IDA BAILEY ALLEN

How Many Needless Steps  
Do You Take in the Kitchen?

ACCORDING to a recent survey, the average American homemaker takes 1,000 steps a day, the equivalent of over seven miles of walking. The majority of these steps are taken in the kitchen. Back and forth between range and sink, refrigerator and table, shelves, cupboards and waste can. But many of these steps can be saved by a little planning which conserve time, temper and feet.

Recent reports of cures of tuberculosis with streptomycin have appeared. Prior to the use of streptomycin, tuberculous meningitis was considered an incurable disease.

## Wasted Energy

"In my opinion," remarked the Chef, "many homemakers waste much time and energy stepping between the range and the utensil closets, to reach which she must often almost stand on her head."

"If a restaurant chef had to work with so much inconvenience he would quit the job. But as he must earn a living by cooking, he brings the utensils and the range closer together. The chef uses a long table placed about four feet from the range. It is of comfortable height and is used for all food preparation. I think it could be copied for use in the home."

"This table has a heat-proof top, so hot utensils will not ruin it. At one end are placed the cutting boards for use in dicing vegetables and meat, or mincing the parsley or herbs. Underneath is a long shelf on which are arranged bowls, pans, kettles and utensils that cannot be hung up, but which he can easily and quickly reach. "Built over the top is a rack with sliding hooks, on which smaller utensils and tools used in mixing and cooking are hung. If the home kitchen is large enough, a table of this kind could solve part of the housewife's problem."

## Dinner

"3-Ps" Fruit Cup  
Bake-Fried Liver with Bacon  
Popped Potatoes  
Buttered Cabbage  
Pineapple-Baked Apples  
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)  
Include enriched bread or rolls with butter or margarine in the Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)  
All Measurements Are Level  
Recipe Serves Four

## Suggestion of the Chef

To hurry-up, the popped potatoes, select medium-sized white potatoes and boil 10 min. Then drain. Roll each potato in a hot oven, 400 F. They will be ready in about 20 min. and look very attractive served in the foil which should be unfolded so the potato can be cut open and the pulp "popped" up.



## GLITTER GAL



JUST before curtain call, Mae West puts on "prop" diamonds which she wears in her current Broadway play. The props are valued at US\$2,000. (AP)

## 'Mad Mike' In Malaya Jungle War

"Mad Mike" Calvert, broad-chested, bemedalled sapper, whose war career in Burma, North Africa and Norway marked him as one of the outstanding behind-enemy-lines soldiers of the generation, has become technical adviser to the Far East Land Forces training centre in Malaya.

Before going to Malaya, "Mad Mike" spent several weeks in Hongkong, where he is very well known and popular. He was once stationed here before the war, and was an outstanding water polo player. During the Burma campaign, many Hongkong boys were under his command.

In Malaya, Lieut-Colonel Calvert has gone into the depths of the jungle on anti-bandit operations. He is a jungle warfare expert.

Early in the Japanese campaign, he founded the guerilla warfare school in Foster, Victoria, with Col. Spencer Chapman.

Spencer Chapman went to Malaya to work out the next three and a half years in his 'neutral' jungle.

Col. Calvert went to Burma to organise the bush warfare school at Maymyo. Then he participated in General Winstone's two expeditions. In the first he was a column commander, in the second a brigade commander.

In 1943, he returned to Europe and commanded the first Special Air Services Brigade—and always operated fifty to 100 miles ahead of General Montgomery. The end of the war found him in Norway as area commander.

A commentator in Kuala Lumpur who was associated with Col. Calvert in Burma said of him: "He was always pushing off to blow things up behind the enemy lines."

Among Col. Calvert's decorations are: D.S.O. and bar, the American Silver Star, the French and Belgian Legion de Honneur and Croix de Guerre with palms.

## Britain's National Physical Laboratory Is 50 Years Old

By Peter Lovegrove

The birthplace of Radar, which made such a vital contribution to the winning of the Battle of Britain, revolutionised naval tactics and anti-aircraft gunnery and is of such practical value in peacetime flying and ship navigation, is Britain's National Physical Laboratory, which is 50 years old this year.

It was way back in January 1935 that Sir Robert Watson-Watt, then Superintendent of the Laboratory's Radio Division, was consulted by the Director of Scientific Research at the Air Ministry about the possible damaging effect of a ray consisting of radio waves to meet the Nazi air menace which was already causing grave concern.

There was much talk at the time of "death rays" that might dispatch the strongest enemy at will. This was found to be impracticable, but Watson-Watt, assisted by Mr A. F. Wilkins, a Laboratory colleague, suggested that aeroplanes or other objects might be detected by a radio echo method.

Asked to act on this theory, Watson-Watt collected the nucleus of a research team from his own department, and by mid-September, from a specially constructed laboratory at Orfordness on the Suffolk coast, successfully measured the height of an aircraft flying at 7,000 feet and 15 miles away. Radio-location, though still in its early stages, had embarked on its great career.

### WAR PROBLEMS

This was by no means the only service that the scientists of this great establishment, the second oldest National Standardising Laboratory in the world—situated on a site of about 50 acres around the old Royal residence of Bushy House, at Teddington, Middlesex—rendered to the Allied cause during World War II. In fact, practically the whole of the work of the laboratory was devoted eventually to problems related to the war effort.

In its Ship Division, models of assault craft of all descriptions were tested in two 650 ft. covered water tanks, including models of portions of the Mulberry Harbours—the synthetic harbours towed across the Channel which made the invasion of Northern Europe possible. The Engineering Division was closely associated with the initial experimental work on the Pluto project, whereby

millions of gallons of petrol were pumped through pipelines under the English Channel. It designed the high pressure cylinders used for the balloon barrage, and was also responsible for a successful method of dealing with delayed action enemy bombs. It constructed a machine whereby a hole could be drilled in a bomb casing so that the explosive contents could be cleaned out.

Its Physics Division investigated "comfort" conditions in armoured fighting vehicles under simulated desert and tropical conditions, and also developed the technique of gamma ray radiology for the examination of enemy mines. The metallurgical experts helped to improve armour-piercing projectiles, the electricians were concerned with the de-aussing of ships to protect them from magnetic mines, and the engineers carried out important investigations in ballistics in the only large supersonic wind tunnel possessed by the Allied nations at the time.

Essential as its war work was, the Laboratory's original and primary role is to bring scientific knowledge to bear in a practical way on our everyday problems. In this union between science and industry, it carries out research for the accurate determination of physical quantities, has established and maintains precise standards of measurement, and makes tests of practically all classes of industrial instruments and materials.

### ELECTRICAL STANDARDS

At Teddington are the bases of all our weights and measures. The Laboratory is responsible for the maintenance of the British electrical standards—the ampere, the volt and the ohm; the British Imperial standards of the yard and the pound; the temperature and photometric scales; the British radio standard and that for the measurement of radio wavelength and frequency. Such high accuracy

is obtained that frequency comparisons can be made to within one part in a hundred million, and, in the case of weight, one part in a 1,000 million.

Its intricate equipment includes 14 wind tunnels, one of which can produce a flow of air with a speed three times that of sound, three high-voltage transformers, an impulse generator capable of developing 2½ million volts; a high voltage cathode ray oscilloscope; a 50-ton deadweight machine; electron microscopes, Geiger counters and X-ray equipment. Temperatures of 1,000 degrees Centigrade can be produced. Thick metal bars can be "stretched" until they snap or twisted to look like Christmas streamers.

Instruments and materials tested vary from clinical thermometers to 120-ton power transformers, and include the National Health Scheme to a model of the "Queen Mary".

### TESTS SPEEDED UP

One of its best known activities is the testing of Police watches, stop-watches used in all major sporting activities (including the Olympic Games), chronometers and clocks. The well-known tests of high quality watches, initiated at Kew Observatory, are now carried out at Teddington, where even Swiss watches are brought under the electronic recorder, which works to a 10,000th of a second. The standard clock is a quartz oscillator, which has speeded up testing from 24 hours under the old pendulum clock system to a few minutes.

Tests such as these are mere routine activities. The Laboratory also devotes much time to a wide variety of industrial problems and national projects. At the moment, for instance, it is investigating, by aerodynamic techniques, the stability in wind of the proposed suspension bridge over the Severn.

Some time ago, a similar bridge at Tacoma, U.S.A., was destroyed in 24 hours by the driving force of quite a moderate wind, which set up such a resonant vibration that it collapsed. The N.P.L. is studying the science of aerodynamics to ensure that this cannot happen to the giant structure over the Severn.

It has studied the ventilation problem of the new House of Commons, and is now concerned with a matter which received much publicity in the Press a year or so ago. This deals with the smoke from London's projected new South Bank power station, which it was feared might damage St Paul's Cathedral. A detailed scale model of the area has been made, and tests undertaken in a wind tunnel. The N.P.L.'s recommendation is not the building of a higher chimney, which would mean a radical alteration of the present plans and involve much additional expense, or special washing of the fumes, but the discharge of the smoke at a greater velocity, which would carry the fumes well over the 365ft. high dome.

### EFFECT OF "FLUTTER"

They have also been investigating the effect of "flutter," or rapid vibrations on aircraft propellers and wings, acoustics in modern housing, the erosion of ship propeller blades, new computing machines, the hardening of steels, the preparation of metals in a high state of purity, and the use of wavelengths of light as a means of defining the fundamental yard and metre lengths.

Much equipment has been designed which has now passed into general industrial use. One recent gadget of which they are very proud in the Control Mechanisms Section is a Meccano-like contraption which was invented there 10 months ago. This tests the thickness of moving silvers of material such as cotton and raw wool by air gauging, and has attracted much attention in industry. The machine automatically rings an alarm bell when a thin strip is met or when a complete break occurs. Another, a pneumatic gauge for testing the surface roughness of metals, should cost between £50 to £100 to manufacture when the experimental stage is completed. Equipment now employed in certain laboratories for the same purpose costs about £1,000.

## BLESSING THE SACRED FIKE



FRANCIS Cardinal Spellman of New York, second from left, blesses a sacred fire which is part of a ceremony calling on St Mark, the patron saint of vine-growers, to protect the vineyards. The performance of holy dances and prayers took place in the yard of the Church of Notre Dame de L'Esperance, in Cannes, France. Canon Grau, rector of the church, is assisting. (Acme)

## "DEATH RAILWAY" PADRE SEEKING SCOTTISH HERO

By J. W. Taylor

Known in his native Australia as "the Fighting Padre," the Rev. Harry Thorpe will be visiting Scotland in May looking for a hero. He hopes that the publicity attached to his trip will attract the attention of the man he seeks and cause him to communicate with him; he hopes, too, that other Scottish ex-Servicemen who were with him will do the same.

The story behind his search goes back to the wartime period when Padre Thorpe was taken prisoner by the Japanese and put to work on the notorious "railway of death" between Burma and Thailand.

Despite their sufferings and hardships, the men never forgot their early Christian training and their religious festivals. One day they managed to make a clearing in the sun-baked jungle near their primitive camp, for their Harvest Festival service was to be held the following Sunday. The Japs were all for banning it

because they feared it was part of an escape plan, and placed all sorts of difficulties in the way of preparations.

But "Happy Harry" Thorpe and his "congregation" persevered, and when Sunday dawned an altar reached towards the sky from the shade of the jungle edge. There the men assembled, emaciated, weary and worn. Soon they filed past the altar with their precious Harvest Festival gifts to be distributed later among the prisoners who were sick.

### WILD FLOWERS

Some of the men had scoured the countryside for crannies and nooks for rice out of which they painstakingly had made models of churches, bridal groups, farm scenes and religious emblems. Others had managed to smuggle in wild flowers picked from the jungle and other details to be distributed sufficient to buy a little of the costly fruit that was available.

Those who could get nothing else gave what was left of their meagre personal treasures—a well-thumbed magazine, a ring useful for future trading for food, or a precious piece of cloth, pitiful enough were all these offerings, but never had the Padre known of any given with more sincerity.

Hardened to heroism and self-sacrifice as he was, Padre Thorpe

was almost overwhelmed with emotion as he watched a one-legged Scots lad limp towards the altar. A hospital inmate, he was one of the people for whom the Festival was being held, but he had left his bed to join his more active comrades to add his offering.

With an apologetic smile, he handed over 30 cents—all he had. A matter of threepence, but it was enough to buy a few precious bananas for a very sick man. This done, he bowed and slowly turned away to go back to his hospital bed, shocked and exhausted by his premature exertions.

### PROUD TO SEIVE

This is the lad Padre Thorpe hopes to meet. Although he has the names and addresses of many other Scots who were with him in these harrowing days, the details concerning this hero are not among them.

Says Padre Thorpe: "I am sure the spirit that enabled this lad to survive in those awful conditions and at the same time, to show such magnificent self-sacrifice, would send this boy safely home to his beloved Scotland. I am hoping that when I visit that country from May 10 to 17, next he hears of my visit and gets into touch with me, and that goes for the other Scots lads with whom I was so proud to serve."

## HELPING SCOTSMEN TO TRACE PEDIGREE

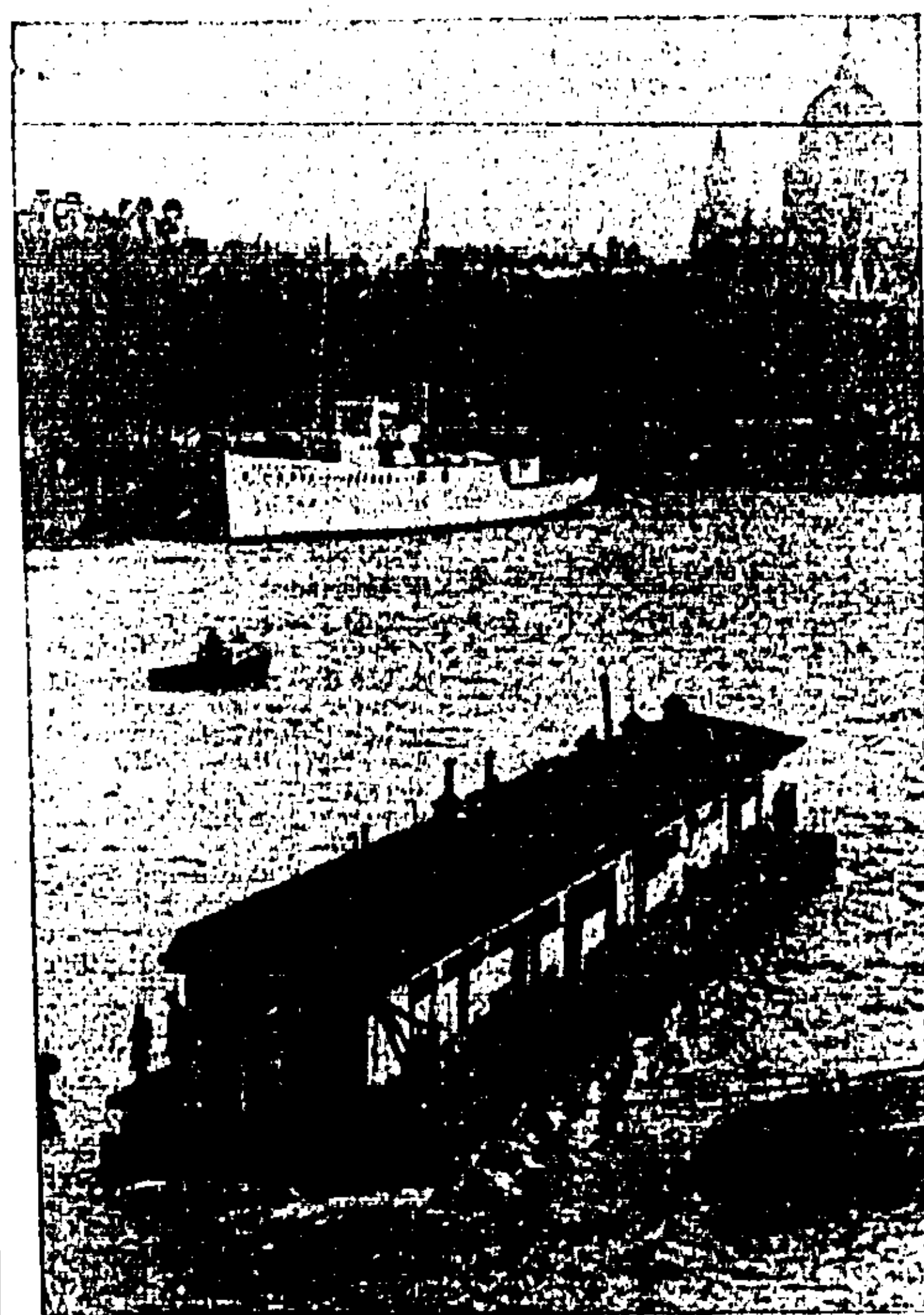
Over 5,000 people of Scottish descent from every part of the world have made use of the Scots Ancestry Research Council since it was set up in 1945. The Council aims to assist persons of Scottish blood to trace facts about their ancestors in Scotland and to give reports upon the part of the country from which their stock has sprung.

The honorary director is Mr J. G. Kyd, former Registrar General for Scotland and the members include such notabilities as the Lyon King of Arms, the Historiographer Royal for Scotland and Librarian of the National Library of Scotland, the Keeper of the Register and Records of Scotland, and other prominent Scottish historians.

People who wish to trace their ancestry pay a fee of five shillings for a preliminary investigation, which reveals the feasibility of a search going back 160 years. If this is considered worth while the cost depends on the work involved but does not exceed £3. If the "links" appear to run out clearly, it is usually possible to continue the investigation beyond 160 years.

The Council has decided that to assist overseas visitors it will be represented at the Skye Week celebrations at Portree from May 19 to 25 and also at the Royal Highland Show at the Palace in June. The address of the Council is 4, North Street, David Street, Edinburgh 2.

## BUSINESS AS USUAL



THE 180-foot floating police station moored at London's Waterloo Pier since 1898, is towed down the River Thames for an overhaul. In its absence, police will conduct business in an unused goods-car, aboard a barge. This station house contains no cells; it is used for charging suspects. (Acme)

## Mr Bertlin Is Trussing A Giant

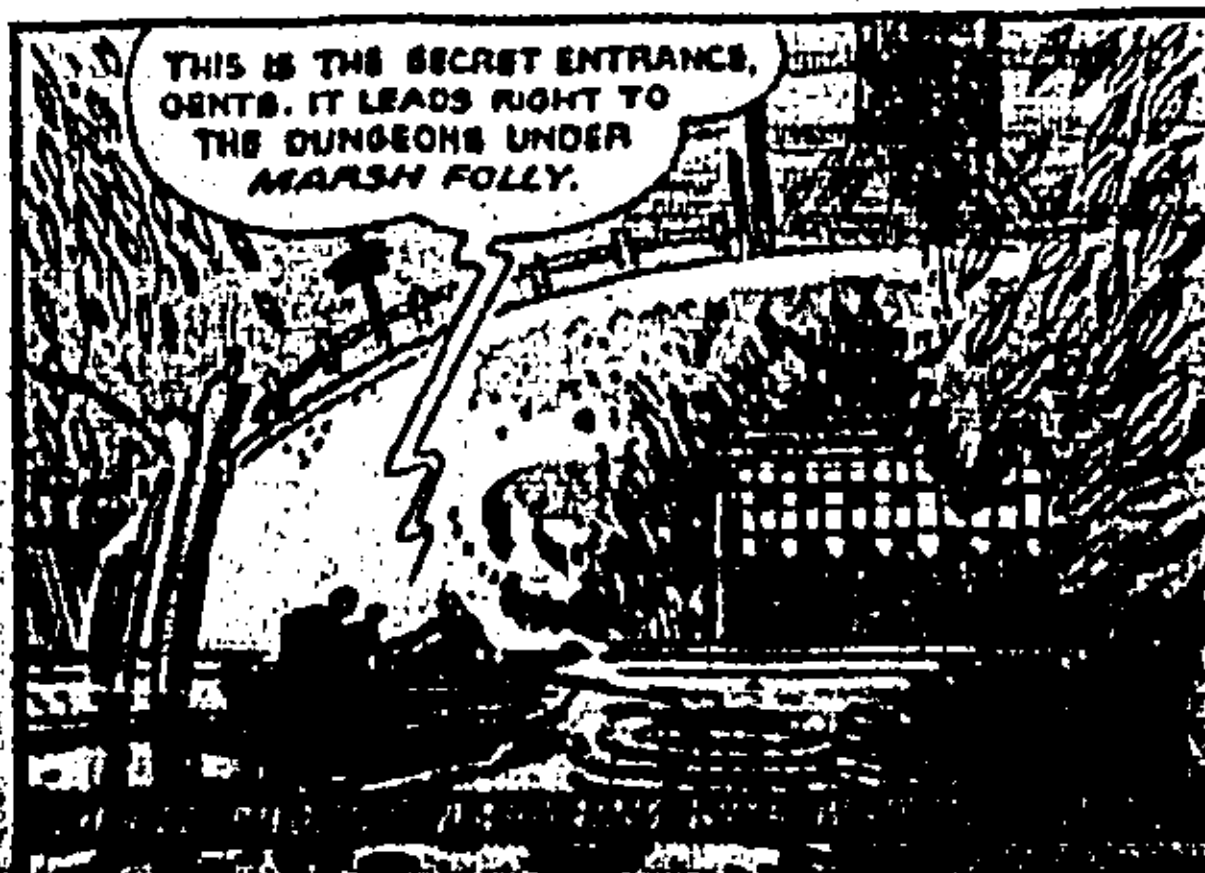
The fight to harness the 600-ton, a-second Nile enternut into the £12,000,000 Owen Falls dam, in Uganda, mightiest hydro-electric plan in the Empire, is about to begin.

Railways, a labour camp for 1,200 men, housing estate for European engineers, and a temporary power station are carved out of the jungle and dense bush.

Plant has begun to arrive from Britain. Excavations for the dam foundations, and the attack on the Nile by a combine of eight British, Dutch, and Danish engineering firms begin next month.

Says Mr. D. P. Bertlin, of London, who will live on the job until it is done: "Progress already made is stupendous." Devaluation of the Pound has increased by £100,000 the cost of plant for the £1,500,000 cement factory being built first for the dam and then for the new industrial town at Jinja. Africans and Asians, with British, Dutch, Italian, and Danish technicians and tradesmen are already at work in this Babel town.

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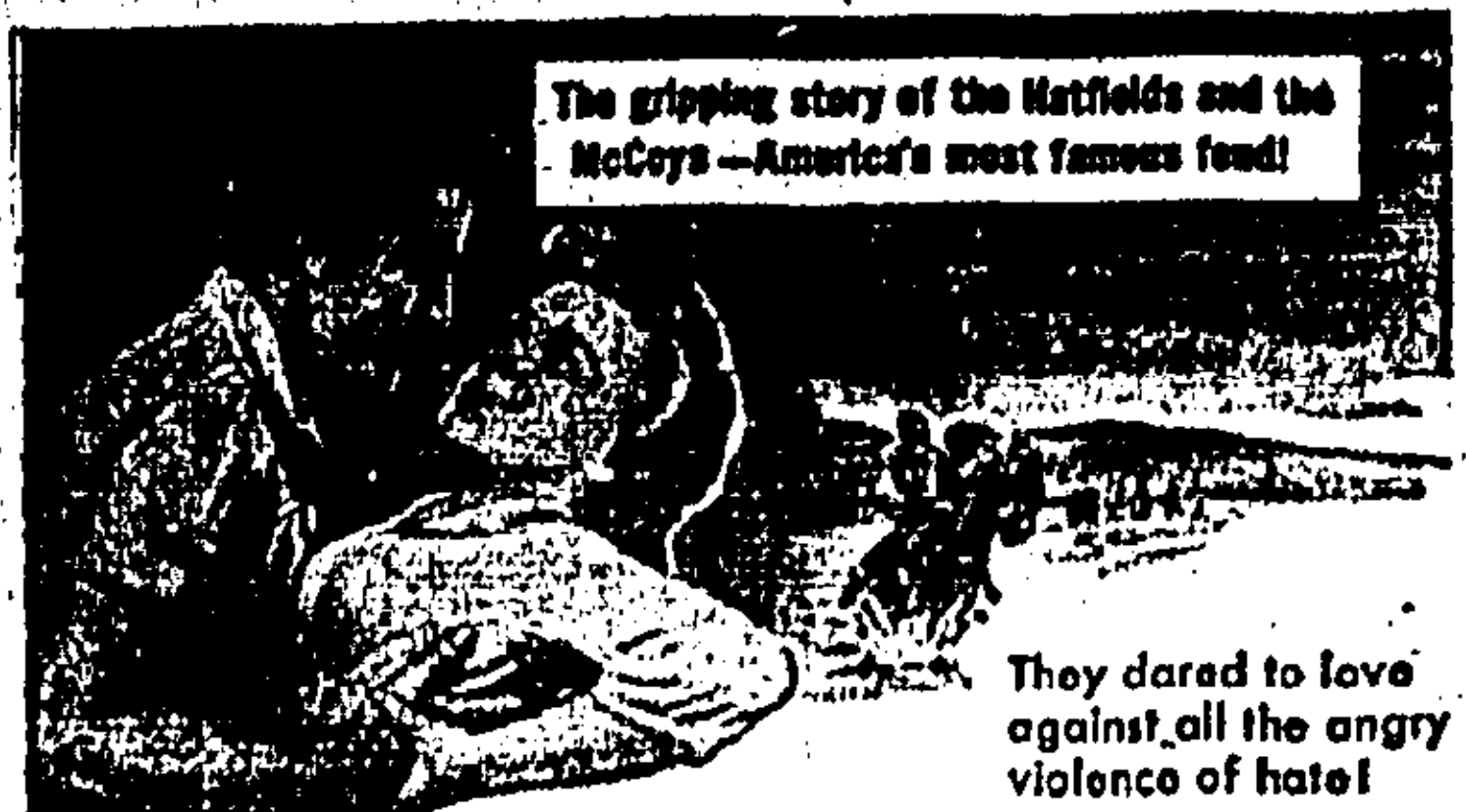
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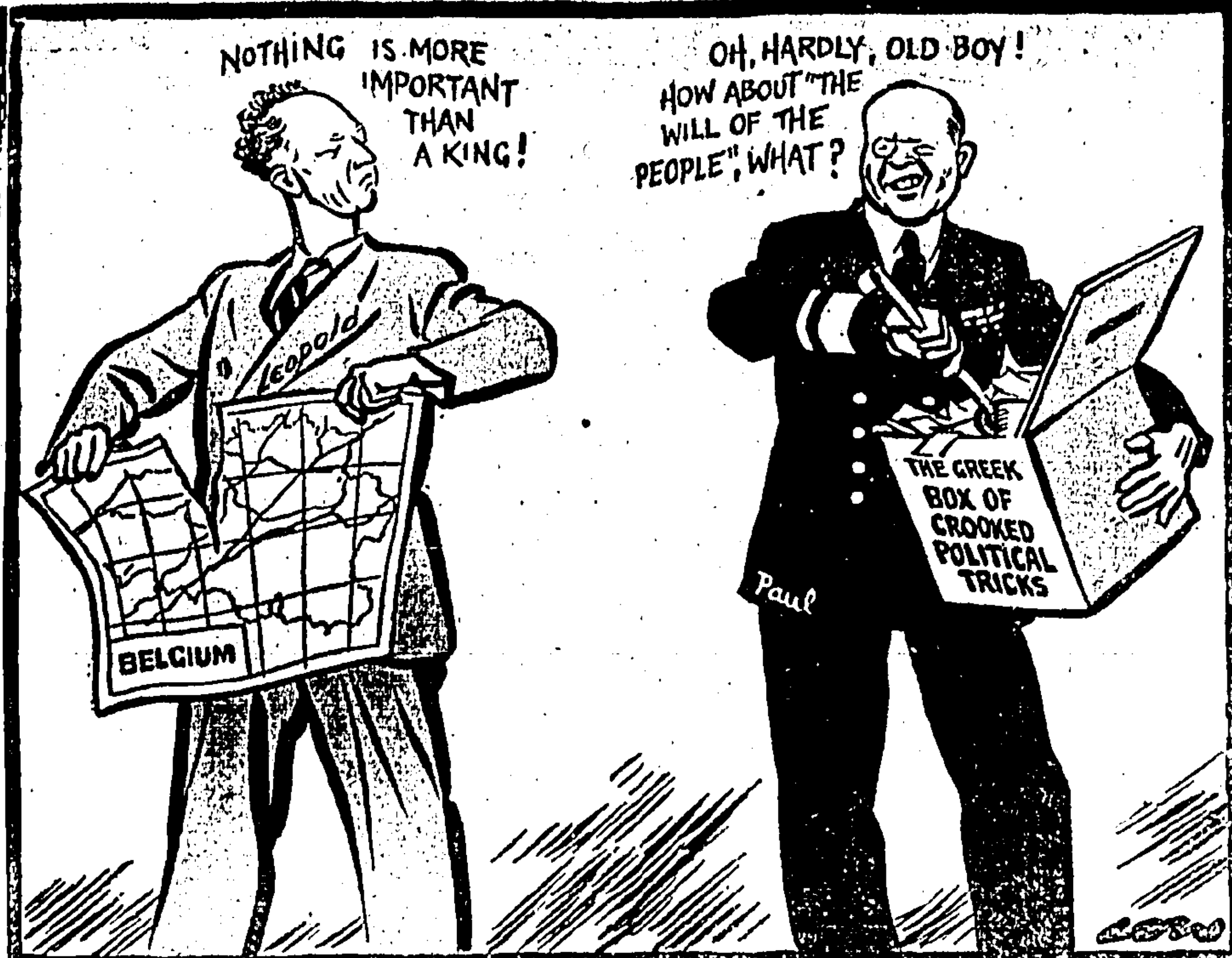
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THE STATE OF THE KING BUSINESS

## Sitting on the Fence.... by

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

BEING (probably) the result of spring. The Editor is in conference with his staff and some chorus girls, and is rehearsing a little number called "Sex for Circulation."

THE EDITOR:

If the circulation's dropping and the paper doesn't sell—

THE OTHERS:

What are we to do, sir, what are we to do?

THE EDITOR:

What kind of human stories do you think we ought to tell?

THE OTHERS:

Something very new, sir, something very new.

THE EDITOR:

That is where you're very wrong, you're very wrong indeed!

THE OTHERS:

Something new is never what the British public need.

THE EDITOR:

The oldest story in the world is all they want to read.

ALL:

Sex For Circulation.

CHORUS:

Sex for circulation, in every social station.

THE EDITOR:

The tempo of the nation, the ghastly ghoulish nation; You may give them pangs on politics and views of every kind.

THE OTHERS:

But as every little reader has a dirty little mind.

THE EDITOR:

If you want to make the paper go we think you'll always find.

THE OTHERS:

Sex For Circulation.

THE EDITOR:

The sort of thing we ought to print are articles on beauty—

THE OTHERS:

That's a new idea, sir, that's a new idea.

THE EDITOR:

But not the usual sort of stuff—

THE OTHERS:

We'll do it, never fear sir, we'll do it, never fear.

THE EDITOR:

When telling women how to put the powder on their noses.

THE OTHERS:

And how to wash their lovely limbs in essences of roses.

THE EDITOR:

Print photographs of gorgeous girls in most inviting poses.

ALL:

Sex For Circulation.

CHORUS:

(Chorus as before.)

THE EDITOR:

Opinions of the churches on relation of the sexes.

THE OTHERS:

That sounds pretty hot, sir, that sounds pretty hot.

THE EDITOR:

And articles by experts on repression and complexes.

THE OTHERS:

That should sell a lot, sir, that should sell a lot.

THE EDITOR:

Police courts and assizes should be combed for items shocking,

And tales of human follies come to see him off.

THE OTHERS:

A simple girl's betrayal, or a clergyman's unrocking.

ALL:

Sex For Circulation.

Lullaby

AN American doctor says that babies in the United States are becoming more intelligent. They don't like baby talk. They prefer adult conversation, give smart answers to all questions, and like to "joke" in a joke.

THE EDITOR:

In which case some of the lullabies will have to be re-written:

ALL:

Smart and low, smart and low, Child of the Western sea; Low, low wisecracks blow Over the nursery tea; Jokes that should never be heard in the home Over the shivering tea cups come:

THE OTHERS:

Tell them again to me— Now my pretty one Cracks a dirty one...

THE EDITOR:

Keep the best, keep the best. Father will come to thee soon— Father will come to his babe in the nest.

THE OTHERS:

To hear one of the pretty one's latest and best.

THE EDITOR:

Then a-l-e-e-p.

What big ears you've got, granny

"After applying a tape measure to thousands, Dr. Hrudicka says that the human nose gets longer and broader, the ears get larger, and the mouth wider as a person grows older."—From the News.

DAY by day your mouth, granny, grows and grows and grows.

DAY by day your ears expand and bigger grows your nose. But should you live two hundred years my love will never tire.

THE EDITOR:

When you're just a nose and a pair of ears, flapping by the fire.

A Swede's farewell

"Captain Ahrenberg and his friend drank a glass of beer, and the captain, before leaving, was subjected to a kick on the seat of his trousers. This is the equivalent in Sweden of wishing a man good luck."—News item.

THE EDITOR:

The scene is a Swedish railway station. Ols Olsen is going to America, and his family,

ensues, and everybody is arrested.

THE following conversation took place outside the side window—

First Rural Voice: They do say 'er be middlin' meddlesome.

Second Rural Voice: Ar-r, that 'er be.

First Rural Voice: Ar-r.

Second Rural Voice: Ar-r.

First Rural Voice: Er 'er be wot they say 'er be then 'er ain't no call to be a gullivintin' about like a spitchikentipole.

Second Rural Voice: Er 'er be wot 'er be.

First Rural Voice: Ar-r. That 'er be.

Second Rural Voice: Er's 'ad twelve an' buried fower.

First Rural Voice: An' 'er buried 'im las' Michaelmas.

Second Rural Voice: Er be a proper owdacious flol-bol-nol.

Third Rural Voice: (with a note of finality) That 'er be.

Who is she? What has she done? Am I going mad?

—London Express Service.

## How old will you live to be? ... THERE'S A CLUE ON YOUR DINNER PLATE SAY DOCTORS

THE chief cause of two of civilisation's most distressing disorders—heart attacks and strokes—has finally been tracked down, according to a medical report which has reached me.

Scientists claim that a waxy-white chemical called cholesterol which is present in meat, eggs, butter and many other foodstuffs, gradually sets up "hardening" of the arteries in certain types of people. This "hardening" may cause the blood to form minute clots, capable of choking the action of the heart or brain.

Two years' research by an eight-man California University team equipped with the most modern atomic devices backs the indictment of this harmless-looking chemical as a mass killer.

Led by DR JOHN GOFMAN, the scientists report three main discoveries:—

1 When people were given food rich in cholesterol some individuals automatically built up gluey substances in their blood, while others remained free from them.

2 Swellings which formed inside "hardening" arteries, giving rise to the dangerous blood clots, contained large quantities of the "glue." They seemed to arise as a direct result of its irritating action.

3 Examination of patients who suffered sudden heart seizures showed that their blood was specially rich in the "glue." When they were put on a diet deficient in cholesterol the "glue" rapidly thinned down.

These nicely dovetailing discoveries also help to explain why seizures and strokes often run in families. It seems that some fortunate folk are born free from the defect which makes the blood build up the irritant. Barring accidents, these people reach old age with sound hearts and arteries.

The experiments also throw light on the reason why men are so much more susceptible

than women to heart ailments in middle age. The scientists found that among healthy people aged 20-40, men usually have far more of the "glue" in their blood.

This research raises an intriguing question, which experts now in progress may soon answer: "Is the steady increase in heart disorders simply due to the fact that, with modern 'scientific' feeding we absorb more cholesterol than our ancestors?"

It seems significant that long-lived vegetarians like Mr. Bernard Shaw take in substantially less of the chemical than the average not-so-fussy feeder.

BLUE BOWER

★ PEOPLE who saw me stuffing strips of blue paper through the wire of one of the London Zoo's outdoor aviaries thought I was mad.

I was carrying out an experiment to see if the bower-birds there would snap them up as excitedly as they collect blue objects in the Australian forests. They did.

Each male bower-bird sticks twigs into the earth to build a double row of fencing which he then decorates with blue objects to impress his favourite

female. Using a beakful of fibre as a bush he also plasters the fence with charcoal scraped on burned logs.

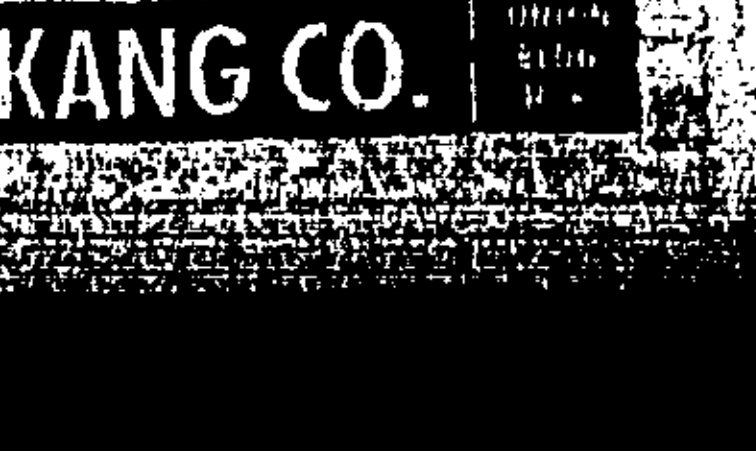
Australian zoologist DR JOCK MARSHALL is watching these zoo birds to discover a "biological explanation" for their fondness for interior decoration.

TELL-TALE TEETH

EVEN your teeth can be upset by mental worries, psychologists now claim. A test of 40 students at the Department of Oral Pathology, Boston, U.S., showed that those nearest to being neuritic had more bad teeth than the thoroughly stable people.

VIEWPOINT

★ IN THE wordy political war between Soviet and Western science, this is how Pravda's weekly paper Ogonyok pictures a typical American scientist for its Russian readers—



## Romantic love does not work

—as reported by Professor GWILYM ROBERTS

A SERIOUS - MINDED Welsh professor, who has spent more than ten years gathering evidence, reports today\* his belief that romantic love does not work.

To 38-year-old Gwilym Roberts love is like something on a microscope slide. He thinks that you find out most about it if you look at it with a scientist's eyes.

After dissecting about 500 specimens of broken romance he is fairly certain that he knows where marriages go wrong.

He strokes his chubby face, peers through his wide horn-rimmed glasses and says: "The ideas of many people are muddled concerning sex and love. We need guideposts."

So he comes up this spring morning like a weather-beaten road scout and puts up his direction signs for people who want to be happy after they fall in love.

For parents HIS first words are for parents —because the road to happy marriage starts in the nursery.

SIGNPOST ONE: The biggest single influence that makes for happy marriage is a sensible upbringing.

When mother starts spoiling her young son, she is ruining her daughter-in-law's marriage.

Case History: Six-year-old Jackie grabs his two-year-old sister's toys. Mother rushes in to console the little girl. Jackie might get the toys but little Grace gets the cuddling.

Jackie sets the table for mother and gets criticised if just one knife or fork is crooked. Grace sets them any old how and gets a kiss for her effort.

So Jackie, his emotions crushed, grows up secretly hating his mother and sister.

But it all seems to pass over without trouble until he gets married—and then things go wrong.

He nags her, ill-treats her, pushes her around.

Mother was to blame for this broken romance—years before.

Invalid wife TAKE another aspect of parental mishandling that can make a daughter into an unhappy wife.

Case History: Seven-year-old Winnie becomes ill. Everybody was kind and attentive. They said nice things. It was like being a baby again.

For the rest of her childhood she enjoyed several little bouts of apparent illness. It was more pleasant in bed than in school.

life so she retreated into illness. To her it is a pleasure. Her parents should not have been fooled by her feigned illness.

SIGNPOST TWO: Young fellows and girls must go to places where they can mingle naturally with the opposite sex.

The sick girl who slinks on her half-day into the darkness of the cinema and buries her social inferiority in the arms of her screen hero will not find a real-life partner.

The hot-blooded young man who makes a bee-line for the dance floor every night of the week is cutting down his chances of finding an ever-loving wife.

Professor Roberts believes that if more couples first got to know each other in non-romantic places the divorce statistics would drop.

He deplores the impression created by the films "where the stars don't have to wash the dishes or get up to light the fire."

SIGNPOST THREE: The red "stop" sign flashes up if a man won't co-operate in money matters before marriage.

Many marriages are dashed to pieces because the partners could not talk about how they would spread the money on furniture, rent, clothing, food, and so on.

These couples are "infantile." They want to lean on somebody else (generally father-in-law).

Doctor's don'ts FROM the quiet murmurings of hysterical outbursts of the disillusioned visitors to his consulting room, the Welsh professor has picked up some invaluable tips on love-making.

GIRLS should avoid those dangerous silences after they have been kissed. Talk!—about the boy of course.

GIRLS should keep away from dim corners. They should realise at 15 to 17 that the boy is still lagging behind. They should keep him out of trouble.

GIRLS stay old maids because they will not spare time from their personal career ambitions to learn how to win a man. When career-success arrives it is too late to find a husband—even though they want him.

WIVES stay happily married if they know how to be (1) a successful lover, (2) a successful mother, (3) a successful home-manager. In that order.

HUSBANDS stay happily married if they know how to be (1) a successful lover, (2) a successful father, (3) a successful provider.

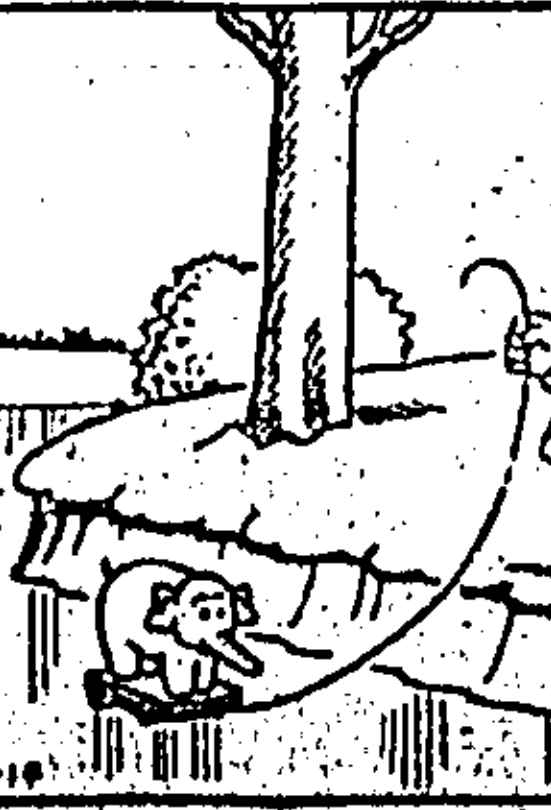
Gwilym Roberts might agree to bring his researches down to a one-line conclusion: Marriage is for adults only.

—London Express Service.

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By Ernie Bushmiller



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# No big funds for Point Four

"DO COUNTRIES WANT U.S. HELP?" McGHEE ASKS

New York, Apr. 11.—George C. McGhee, assistant U.S. Secretary of State for Near Eastern, South Asian and African Affairs, indicated today that the United States would not provide large-scale financial assistance for the implementation of President Truman's Point Four programme.

In a speech before the Foreign Policy Association here tonight, the State Department official said, "We are discovering that there are limits to what American dollars can do to assist other nations even where expenditures are effectively administered."

## VAN ZEELAND BID Intent On Bringing King Back

Brussels, Apr. 11.—Pro-Leopoldist M. Paul Van Zeeland, Catholic Premier-designate, reported to the Belgian Regent, Prince Charles, today on his Cabinet-making efforts. He then announced he had "good hopes" of completing his mission late tonight.

M. Van Zeeland is seeking to form a predominantly Catholic Cabinet to bring the King back to the Belgian throne.

M. Van Zeeland took over the search for a Cabinet last week after three other Party leaders—a Liberal and two Catholics—had failed. Four weeks of political crises have followed the referendum, which favoured Leopold by a narrow margin.

For the Belgian nation, split on whether the provisionally exiled monarch should resume his throne, it was a day of delays and uncertainty.

M. Van Zeeland was to return to the Royal palace tonight. He spent the day discussing with Catholic and non-Catholic leaders.

It was understood that the Cabinet would consist of 15 Ministers, including nine Catholics from the outgoing Catholic-Liberal coalition, three other Catholic members of Parliament and three non-Parliamentarians.

M. Cassin Lhoest, whose name has been mentioned as a Minister of Justice in Belgium's new Government, told Reuters today that "two tentative lists of Ministers to compose the new Government have been drawn up and one of them will be rendered official tonight."

In both cases the Government will be headed by M. Paul Van Zeeland.

Soon after M. Van Zeeland held his brief press conference this afternoon, Professor Jacques Pirenne, the head of King Leopold's secretariat in Brussels, went into conference with the Premier-designate.—Reuters.

## SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"We can't put arms bed yet—let's wait till they find a deserted island to land on after that shipwreck!"

## BEVIN GOES TO HOSPITAL

London, Apr. 11.—The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, went into hospital today to undergo a minor operation. It was officially announced tonight.

According to a usually reliable source, Mr. Bevin is suffering from haemorrhoids. He expects to be back at work in about a fortnight.

His present illness is not connected with heart trouble, from which Mr. Bevin has been suffering.

The Foreign Office tonight announced: "The Foreign Secretary has been advised to undergo a minor operation and in view of the impending visit of Mr. Acheson and the meeting of the Atlantic Council, he has decided to go into hospital at once."

"He hopes to be dealing with correspondence in a few days' time and to be back in the Foreign Office in about a fortnight."—Reuters.

## Air Clash Alleged By Soviet

(Continued from Page 1)

The Navy said its patrol planes in that region had been ordered to stay "well clear" of Russia and the Russian satellites.

General Hoyt Vandenberg, Air Chief of Staff, said the Air Force "had no four-engine plane in the Baltic area on 8th April, nor is there any Air Force aircraft of that type missing."

Admiral Forrest Sherman, chief of Naval Operations, said: "Standing orders governing the operation of naval patrol planes in the region require that they stay well clear of the territory and territorial waters of Russia and the Russian satellites."—United Press.

## U.S. ADMISSION

Washington, Apr. 11.—The State Department admitted today that Russia had protested to the United States that an American military aircraft had violated Russian territory last Saturday and fired on a flight of Russian planes.

The State Department said that Russia's protest was handed to the United States Ambassador, Mr. Allan Kirk, in Moscow this morning.

The text was received in Washington at 5 p.m. G.M.T. It was not made public immediately.

The United States Navy "Privateer" plane which has been missing over the Baltic since last Saturday night, reportedly a B-29 Superfortress, referred to in the Russian protest.

Like the B-29, the Privateer has four engines.

American officials began an immediate effort to determine the facts.

The legal question which arose in the American view, revolved round the status of Latvia.

Russia said that the firing incident occurred over Latvia, occupied by Soviet troops in 1940 and incorporated into the Soviet Union. But Latvia has never been recognised by the United States as Soviet territory.

## NO KNOWLEDGE

The United States Air Force said today pending an official enquiry they had "no official knowledge" of the incident referred to in the Soviet protest.

Asked by reporters whether the United States recognised Latvia as Soviet territory, Mr. Michael McDermott, State Department spokesman, said, "No comment."

Other officials recalled, however, that the United States still formally accepts the presence of a Latvian Minister in Washington.

There was no immediate White House comment on the incident.

The Presidential Press Secretary, Mr. Charles G. Ross, said that presumably President Truman had been informed of the Soviet protest by the State Department.

A Naval spokesman said that Navy patrol planes had strict instructions to stay at least 10 miles from Russian territorial boundaries and to operate without arms when flying near Soviet areas.

These instructions were issued some time ago by Admiral Richard Conolly, Commander of Naval Forces in the Eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean, he added.—Reuters.

## FRENCH USING NATIONALISTS

San Francisco, Apr. 11.—Peking Radio alleged tonight that the French had collected 10,000 Chinese Nationalist troops and were using them in "marauding actions" in South Vietnam, particularly in Saigon and Cholon.

Quoting the Vietnam news agency, the radio said that these troops had recently been brought in from the China-Vietnam border.—Reuters.

## Victory parade—12 years old



A victory parade in Madrid commemorating the end of the Spanish civil war took place recently when ten thousand mechanised troops marched past General Franco. Photo shows General Franco taking the salute during the parade.

## FRENCH TROUBLES

### Dockers and police in brick battle in Bordeaux

Bordeaux, Apr. 11.—Communist-led dockers, routed by the police from an anti-war meeting here today, retreated and lured the police past the Communist Party Headquarters, where they were bombarded by tiles thrown from the roof.

About 400 dockers fought an equal number of Republican Guards and there were injuries on both sides as the pitched battle raged through the main streets of Bordeaux.

The dockers' meeting was called specifically to protest against the shipment of arms to Indo-China.—Reuters.

### The cycling strikers want more money

Nantes, Apr. 11.—A long cavalcade of 2,500 striking St. Nazaire steel workers cycled 35 miles into Nantes today to hold a mass protest meeting in the main city square.

Many of their colleagues fell by the wayside climbing the steep hills in a cold drizzle, but the rest slung their machines in Nantes and sent a delegation to see the Mayor about their claims for a 3,000-franc wage bonus pending new contracts.

They represented 12,000 striking metal workers in the bomb-shattered port who downed tools 35 days ago. They met no police either on the way or in Nantes, the headquarters of the Prefecture.

The strikers were accompanied by an ambulance and a car put at their disposal by St. Nazaire's Municipal Council, but did not need them.

After a brief halt to let stragglers catch up, they swept up to the city square after lunch and were met by a group of fellow strikers who came in from a different direction.

With officials from all Nantes unions they pedalled to the Prefecture drawing hundreds of onlookers.

The strikers plan to cycle back to Nantes tomorrow. Some are bulleted with Nantes workers, others will spend the night in the Labour Exchange.—Reuters.

## Radio Hongkong

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5.55. "Hongkong Calls"—Programme Summary; 6. "Take it from here"—With Joy Nichols, Dick Bentley & Jimmy Edwards (London Relay); 6.30. Songs by Emilio Levi; 6.40. The Terry Lucio Quartet (Studio); 7. Variety Programme—Presented by Christine Shore. (Studio); 8. World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 8.15. "Orchestra of the Week"—London Symphony Orchestra with Hefetz (Vienna); 8.45. "Generally Speaking"—When Clippings Billed the Sea—by Sir Frederick Whyte (London Relay); 9. "From the Editorials" (London Relay); 9.10. Weather Report; 9.11. "Services" Spotlight—A Variety Show by the Forces for the West; 9.15. "Relay from the West Lounge, Y.M.C.A. (Kowloon)"; 10. French (Vienna) and Emanuel Ray (Piano); 10.45. Song Lights and Sweet Music; 11. Radio News Reel (London Relay); 11.15. Weather Report; 11.20. News and Sports from Britain (Recorded); 11.25. "Relay from God Save the King"; 11.30. Close Down.

## SHORT MEAT RATIONS IN LONDON IF...

London, Apr. 11.—London housewives were warned by their butchers on Tuesday that they would get short rations of meat this week unless 300 truck drivers at Smithfield Market agree to work overtime.

The drivers announced last week they would not work overtime after their demand for 40 new lorries had been turned down by their employers. The drivers will meet on Tuesday night, however, to reconsider their decision.—United Press.

## TRIESTE DISPUTE

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governor, so the area has remained divided between Zone (A) which includes the city of Trieste and is occupied by the Western Allies, and Zone (B) which is occupied by Yugoslavia. Elections will be held in Zone (B) next Sunday.

In Rome, the Soviet Ambassador, Mikhail Kostylev, called at the Italian Foreign Office for what is believed to have been an urgent discussion of the Italian-Yugoslav dispute over Trieste. He was escorted by the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Carlo Sforza, for half an hour. The subject of their discussion was not disclosed, but it is generally believed to have been Trieste. Russia supported Yugoslavia's claim to the territory before the Cominform expelled Marshal Tito.

Since then, there has been periodic speculation that Russia might support the joint Anglo-American proposal that the territory be returned to Italy.

Count Sforza has offered to negotiate the cession of some of the Trieste territory to Yugoslavia if Yugoslavia would recognise Italy's nominal right to the whole area.—United Press.

## ATLANTIC PACT ARMS ARRIVE AT NAPLES

### Communist "War Council"

Naples, Apr. 11.—The American freighter Exilona, carrying the first Atlantic Pact arms to Italy, entered Naples Bay this afternoon with howitzers, field guns and small arms.

She was the first civilian ship to ferry Atlantic Pact arms to Europe.

Intensive police precautions have been taken here for the docking of the ship, threatened by possible Communist action.

Strong forces of armed police enforced rigid security measures at the harbour.

The Italian Communist leader, Signor Palmiro Togliatti, held a "War Council" in the city with his top lieutenants to decide whether or not to act against unloading of the ship.

Large forces of Communists were reported to have assembled in Naples yesterday and today. Walls were plastered with slogans, signed by the Communist "Partisans of Peace," appealing to the dockers not to unload the arms.

Leaders of the non-Communist Labour Federation have maintained that the arms would be unloaded, but they admitted that the Communists might immobilise the arms on the docks by a strike of railway workers.

The police reported that all was quiet throughout the city as the first unloading operations began.

The Italian Premier, Signor Alcide De Gasperi, was reported to be in Naples tonight, on his way to a conference, at nearby Sorrento, of the "Christian International" opening tomorrow.

Unconfirmed reports said that the Communist leaders left the city.

## U.S. SUPPORT FOR SIAM

Washington, Apr. 11.—The State Department declined to comment immediately today on a report from Bangkok that the United States had granted \$10,000,000 in military aid to Thailand.

State and Defence Department officials are known, however, to have been considering sending American military supplies to Thailand, Indo-China and Indonesia.—Reuters.

Representatives of foreign businessmen met Mr. Ikeda in Tokyo on April 7 and he gave an assurance yesterday that he would review the whole question, it was learned here.

Sir Alvaro Gascoigne, the British Political Representative in Tokyo, recently discussed the proposed new taxes with General Douglas MacArthur, the Supreme Allied Commander in Japan.

Answering a question in the House of Commons on April 5, Mr. Kenneth Younger, the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, stated that the British Government had not been informed in advance of the nature of the Japanese Government's new tax bill.

When pressed to explain why the Supreme Commander had sanctioned a bill "which will probably make it impossible for foreign companies to operate," in Japan, Mr. Younger said he would prefer not to make a statement before he had seen the bill.—Reuters.

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